

1. (currently amended): A composition comprising components (A) to (C) ~~and optionally one or several of components (D) to (H), in the following amounts by dry weight (wt)[[:]]~~

- (A) 5 to 89 wt % of polyvinyl butyral (PVB)<sub>1</sub>
- (B) 1 to 20 wt % of styrene maleic imide (SMI) and
- (C) 5 to 50 wt % of ethylene acrylate,

and optionally one or several of components selected from the group consisting of (D) to (H), in the following amounts by dry weight (wt)

- (D) 0 to 20 wt % of water-soluble component, preferably polyvinyl alcohol or starch<sub>1</sub>
- (E) 0 to 7 wt % of wax<sub>1</sub>
- (F) 0 to 6 wt % of styrene maleic anhydride copolymer (SMA) or salt thereof<sub>1</sub>
- (G) 0 to 70 wt % of synthetic binder, preferably styrene butadiene (SB) latex and
- (H) 0 to 70 wt % of mineral, preferably kaolin or talc<sub>2</sub>

2. (original): Composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of component (A) is between 40 and 70 wt %.

3. (currently amended): Composition according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the amount of component (B) is between 5 and 15 wt %.

4. (currently amended): Composition according to ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 3, wherein the amount of component (C) is between 10 and 30 wt %.

5. (currently amended): Composition according to ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 4, wherein the amount of component (F) is between 0.1 and 4 wt %.

6. (currently amended): An aqueous emulsion or dispersion comprising the composition according to ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 5.

7. (currently amended): Aqueous emulsion or dispersion according to claim 6, wherein the solid content is from 30 to 65 %.

8. (currently amended): Paper, paperboard or cardboard coated on at least one surface with the composition according to ~~any of claims~~ claim 1 to 5.

9. (currently amended): Paper, paperboard or cardboard according to claim 8, wherein the amount of the composition is from 0.5 to 25 g/m<sup>2</sup>, ~~preferably from 5 to 15 g/m<sup>2</sup>~~.

10. (new): Paper, paperboard or cardboard according to claim 9, wherein the amount of the composition is from 5 to 15 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

11. (new): composition according to claim 2, wherein the amount of component (B) is between 5 and 15 wt %.

12. (new): Composition according to claim 2, wherein the amount of component (C) is between 10 and 30 wt %.

13. (new): Composition according to claim 3, wherein the amount of component (C) is between 10 and 30 wt %.